



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, November 20, 2022

LET US PRAY:

O God, who has blessed and sustained this parish through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your Sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your holy Name. **Amen.**

Due to a rise in cases we will use **social distancing** guideline this week. Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed**. The church is professionally sanitized each week using an ozone generator.

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: November 20, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Readings: Last Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 29

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Rev Ray Brown will be here for Advent I on November 27.

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Debra Richardson, Kathy Sullivan, Courtney Turner, Kathleen Gibson, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Jim Howe, Cliff Clark, Sylvia Ross, Linda Dowling, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Pam Catlett, Debbie Ewart, Vivian Wright, Chuck Pierotti, Susan Carter, Gill Pillow, Jerry Wenzel, Tommy Haycraft, & West Hornor.

OUTREACH NEWS:

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** monthly on the second **Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **December 13th**. Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations. Thank you.

Grace Food Pantry – **plastic bags** go in the labeled container in the narthex.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nov 16, Wednesday Mid-Week Healing Service at 5:30 in the chapel with Rev. Joe Porter

Nov 20, Adult Sunday School Class – at 9:15 am in the undercroft

Nov 20, Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Lay Eucharist Minister: Allison Biederman

Acolyte: Eli Pillow

Altar Guild: Bennett Sellers & Lindalu Hargraves

Ushers: Dana Kurts & Tap Jennings

Video – Facebook Live: Paulette Parker

Altar Flowers: Jayne & Walter Morris

NOV 27--- -OPEN DAY FOR FLOWERS

Nov 27, Rev. Ray Brown will be here for Advent I

December 6, Tuesday at NOON, Next Search Working Group will meet in the undercroft. Everyone is welcome.

CDC COVID-19 guidelines (Vestry approved) Complete list is on table in the back of church



For those that cannot attend in person, there will be live streaming on Facebook.

The link for Sunday service is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/929943537685987>

Facebook Group: **St. John's Episcopal Church-Helena, AR**

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A Note on This Sunday Readings

Proper 29: The Reign of Christ or Christ the King—Year C

Welcome to our parish. Today is the final Sunday of the church year. It is the celebration of the reign of Christ over all creation. The gospel reading presents Christ's kingship in its most dramatic moment, when he rules over the earth from his cross. At this moment when he seemed the most despised and rejected of people, he forgives the penitent thief crucified with him and promises that he would be with him in paradise. This is the central paradox of the Christian proclamation. Our eternal ruler revealed his power by putting power aside and dying to save the world he created.

The first reading from Jeremiah brings God's condemnation on the rulers of Judah who are evil shepherds. God will come in person to gather all the lost sheep who had been betrayed by those unworthy shepherds. God will be the shepherd of the people and will raise up a righteous king from the family of David to care for the people. For the first Christians, this reading was taken to refer to Jesus.

In the letter to the Colossians, the writer uses what is thought to have been an early Christian hymn to express his most exalted statement of the cosmic meaning of the Christ. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God, the source and origin of all that is, and the saving ruler of the universe who seals his rule with the blood of his cross.

In the Eucharist, we bring all the world into the risen presence of its Lord, that the world through him might be saved. Here we acclaim the ruler and sovereign of all things who is also our savior, our brother, and our lover.